

Application Serial No.: 10/556,660
Office Action mailed June 18, 2010
Response to Office Action dated November 17, 2010

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is made in reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 18, 2010, in which the Examiner:

rejected claims 2-5, 9, 14, 15 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement;

rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite;

rejected claims 2 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,112,389 to Boltshauser (“Boltshauser”);

rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,122,821 to Dornieden *et al.* (“Dornieden”); and

rejected claims 2-5, 9, 14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Applicants’ Admitted Prior Art (“AAPA”), in view of Dornieden.

Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14, 15, 18 and 19 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6-8, 10-12 and 19 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 13, 16 and 17 were previously canceled. Claims 2, 4, 9, 14, 15, 18 and 19 are amended herewith. Claim 3 is canceled herewith. Claim 2 and 18 are independent claims. Claims 4, 5, 9, 14 and 15 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 2.

Applicants respectfully submit that nothing in the foregoing Amendments to the Claims constitutes new matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing Amendments to the claims have placed claims 2, 4, 5, 9, 14, 15 and 18 in condition for allowance, and prompt entry to this effect is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. Additionally, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$490.00 fee for a two (2) month extension of time to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any additional fees are deemed necessary,

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Attorneys for Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to deduct such fees from our Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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